

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 11, 12, 17, 16-18, 20-26 and 28-30 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the Amendments and Remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 11, 12, 16-18 and 20-25 and indicating claim 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, to place this application in condition for allowance, claim 26 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in dependent claim 27 (note that the feature about a steering support portion being provided on the engine support system assembly has been removed from independent claim 26 because it conflicts with the subject matter recited in dependent claim 27). Accordingly, it is believed this application is now in condition for allowance, and thus it is respectfully requested this amendment be entered.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703)

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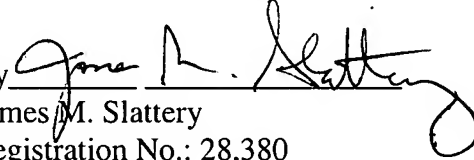
205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

A prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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